

THE GHOST WALK

by Karen Herbert

'In a literary world not short on crime novels, Karen Herbert's *The Ghost Walk* is a standout. Her meticulous approach to the reality of life with a disability does not overtake the mystery at the heart of this story, it is beautifully woven in. Herbert is a masterful storyteller.'

Amal Awad, author of Bitter & Sweet

ABOUT THE BOOK

Did anyone know Dr Gabriel Beaufort better than Ruby Rose Gillespie? They were friends at high school. They are secret lovers now. And because he is also the lung-transplant surgeon who saved her life, Ruby will forever be in his debt.

But then the body of Dr Beaufort is found in the wetlands next to the hospital, on the same day as cystic fibrosis sufferer Ruby is readmitted with a sudden fever.

As the crime scene investigation begins beneath her hospital window, Ruby starts to gather her own clues about her lover's last movements. But with each new discovery, she is haunted by the question of whether she really knew Gabriel at all.

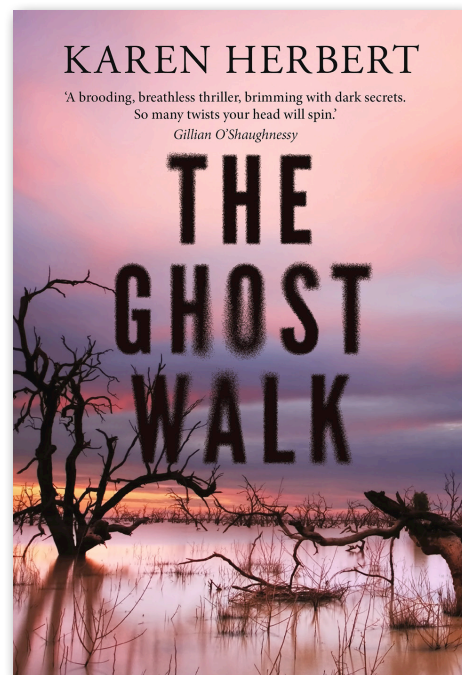
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Karen Herbert spent her childhood in Geraldton on the midwest coast of Australia before moving to Perth. She holds a Master of Science in Applied Psychology and has worked in aged care, disability services, higher education, Indigenous land management, social housing and the public sector, and is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is Deputy Chair of Writing WA and a board member of The Literature Centre. *The Ghost Walk* is her fourth novel.



NOTES

- This has a great cross-genre appeal – with elements of romance, medical drama and psychological suspense, it's ideal for readers who enjoy a range of genres.
- Karen Herbert's main character was inspired by real-life author Jo Giles who lives with cystic fibrosis. It was also informed by Karen's own experience of a chronic illness.
- Karen's debut novel, *The River Mouth*, has been optioned for film and television.



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